



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 99,297)

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| In the Application of:                          | ) |                        |
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| Yatvin, et al.                                  | ) | Before the Examiner:   |
|   | ) | S. A. Jiang            |
| Serial No. 09/993,976                           | ) |                        |
|   | ) | Group Art Unit: 1617   |
| Filed: November 5, 2001                         | ) |                        |
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| For: Covalent Conjugates of Biologically-Active | ) | Confirmation No.: 7958 |
| Compounds with Amino Acids and Amino Acid       | ) |                        |
| Derivatives for Targeting to Physiologically-   | ) |                        |
| Protected Sites                                 | ) |                        |

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